

Fresno Business Council - Weekly Bulletin

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Message from the President—Dick Johanson

We talk a lot about revitalization, renewal and restoration in this small part of our weekly bulletin. Basic to all of this is the creation and expansion of a broad based coalition of dedicated visionaries determined to make it happen. Last week we saw another example of this determination as the Arts to Zoo folks held their campaign kickoff press conference. From all over this county, organizations and individuals are enthusiastically coming forward to be a part of this effort. The successful passage of this measure will create an opportunity to provide a higher quality cultural arena for all of us--especially our kids. Companies seeking new places to locate will recognize this county for its concern for its cultural environment. Seniors will be able to savor the delights of an upgraded zoo, expanded museums, creative art centers and varied historical edifices throughout the county. The *Fresno Business Council* is committed to the success of Measure A--Arts to Zoo.

Chamber's Candidate Forums to host Linda Calandra & Brian Calhoun on September 27th

The Chamber of Commerce candidate forum for September will feature City of Fresno District 2 candidates **Linda Calandra** and **Brian Calhoun**. The luncheon event will be held from 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Airport Holiday Inn, 5090 East Clinton Way. The cost is \$20 per person. Please call the 495-4800 for more information or to make reservations.

FBC Education Committee Meeting for October is canceled – Fresno Compact Invitation Extended

Dan Green, member of the Business Council's Education Committee and president of the Fresno Compact, has arranged to have **Burt McChesney** from California Business for Education Excellence speak at the next Compact meeting. CBEE was created by major California businesses and business organizations to restore excellence to California education. Its founders recognized that a quality public education system is the cornerstone of a sound society and a dynamic economy. The vitality of our economy depends on an educated workforce – workers with basic skills who can think critically and find creative approaches to solving problems. Members of the Education Committee are encouraged to attend the Compact Meeting at the Fresno Chamber on Friday, October 6th. 8:00 A. M. to hear **Mr. McChesney**.

Planners, Designers, Builders, and Community Activists Hear Dan Burden Speak on Walkable Communities

Thanks to grants from the *California 2000 Project (C2K)* and the *Environmental Protection Agency*, the *Growth Alternatives Alliance* and the *Local Government Commission* were able to sponsor expert **Dan Burden** to come to our area to speak on walkable communities. **Dan Burden** is a nationally recognized authority on bicycle and pedestrian facilities and programs. He has had 25 years of experience in developing, promoting and evaluating alternative transportation facilities, traffic calming practices and sustainable community design. He is the executive director of *Walkable Communities, Inc.*, a non-profit corporation helping North America develop walkable communities. For more information on the topic, check out the website at <http://www.walkable.org> or the Local Government Commission at <http://www.lgc.org>

Assemblywoman Sarah Reyes to Attend Chamber's Employment Competency Committee

Those of you who missed **Assemblywoman Sarah Reyes** at the Business Council's Public Affairs Committee in September will have another chance to speak with her at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 3rd at the Chamber's Employment Competency Committee. In addition to serving as Chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee #2 on Education Finance, Chair of the Assembly Rural Caucus, and Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Preparing for the 21st Century, Sarah serves as a member of the Agriculture, Budget, Higher Education, and Utilities and Commerce Committees. For more information on the meeting, contact **Bobby Kahn** at 495-4813.

Regional Government Being Proposed in San Diego

The C2K Newswire makes this reference to an editorial in the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, which highlights the need for a comprehensive regional approach to growth in order to preserve quality of life in San Diego. The editorial applauds the efforts of **Sen. Steve Peace**, D-El Cajon, to consolidate planning agencies into a singular panel to address regional decision-making. After preliminary attempts to do so under a plan called RITA, or Regional Infrastructure and Transportation Authority, Peace has revised the proposed entity by giving it regional land-use authority under the new acronym RGEC, or Regional Government Efficiency Commission. The 11-member board would be created by a bill currently being reviewed by **Gov. Gray Davis**, the editorial states. The new regional governmental structure would be empowered to adopt a countywide growth-management plan to which local agencies would have to conform.

http://www.uniontrib.com/news/uniontrib/sun/opinion/news_led17region.html

Activities & Events

Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00 A. M.— Public Safety Committee (Manco Abbot)

Tuesday, September 26 at 7:30 A. M. — Executive Committee (Deloitte & Touche)

Education Committee for October 4th **Cancelled**, please attend Fresno Compact on October 6th at 8:00 A. M.